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BEGIN SUMMARY: SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS (PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA, KRASNAYA
ZVEZDA) HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF V.P. MONDALE'S
MEETING WITH VORSTER IN VIENNA AND OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
SPEECH TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA END SUMMARY.

1. TYPICAL IS ARTICLE IN MAY 23 PRAVDA BY PRAVDA'S
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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT G. VASIL'YEV. VASIL'YEV
ASSERTS THAT "SYNCHRONIZED ACTIVITY" OF MONDALE
TALKS AND YOUNG SPEECH REPRESENTS ONLY A CHANGE IN STYLE
AND NOT A CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE OF U.S. AFRICA POLICY.
CITING NYT AND WP ARTICLES TO BOLSTER THIS POINT,
VASIL'YEV SAYS U.S. AIM IS STILL TO SAVE ULTRA-
REACTIONARY REGIMES WHICH SERVE AS A BASTION OF U.S.

IMPERIALIST STRATEGY.

2. TASS MAPUTO ARTICLE IN MAY 22 PRAVDA ECHOES A RECURRENT SOVIET PROPAGANDA THEME BY ATTACKING "HYPOCRISY" OF WESTERN POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA. LESOTHO REP TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE IS CITED AS CRITICIZING YOUNG'S "VIRTUAL" CALL FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS. MAY 21 PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT TASS MAPUTO ARTICLE WHICH DESCRIBES MANNER IN WHICH DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE UNMASKED "HYPERCRITICAL POLICY" OF U.S. IN AFRICA. ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADER MUGABE IS CITED AS USING EXAMPLE OF YOUNG'S SPEECH TO SHOW THAT IMPERIALIST U.S. POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED.

3. "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN IN MAY 22 PRAVDA IMPLIES WESTERN SUPPORT FOR SMITH REGIME'S MILITARY THREATS AGAINST ZAMBIA, AND SAYS THAT "PROPAGANDA NOISE" SURROUNDING ANGLO-AMERICAN PLANS FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA IS DESIGNED TO COVER TRUE AIMS OF IMPERIALISM IN AFRICA. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, SAYS AUTHOR OF COLUMN, MONDALE-VORSTER MEETING IS SEEN AS "DIRECT CONNIVANCE" WITH SHAMEFUL, RACIST REGIMES OF S. AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

4. MORE GENERAL COVERAGE OF AFRICAN EVENTS - ALSO CRITICAL OF U.S., BUT NOT IN CONTEXT OF MONDALE-VORSTER MEETING OR YOUNG SPEECH - APPEARED IN MAY 20 PRAVDA ARTICLE BY DIRECTOR OF AFRICA INSTITUTE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANATOLIY GROMYKO (SON OF FONMIN), AND IN MAY 20 WEEKLY NOVOYE VREMYA ARTICLE BY IZVESTIYA SENIOR COLUMNIST, VLADIMIR KUDRYAVTSEV. BOTH OF THESE ARTICLES APPEARED TO BE RELATED TO MAY 25 AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY. WE EXPECT SCHEDULED BAKU CONFERENCE ON AFRICA (MAY 24-31) TO BE USED BY SOVIETS FOR MORE OF SAME ANTI-U.S. POLEMICS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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